

Inventor(s): Forster et al.

Appl. No.: 09

786,204

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Filed: March 2, 2001

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

Date: June 14, 2002

Group Art Unit 3675

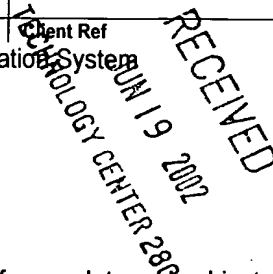
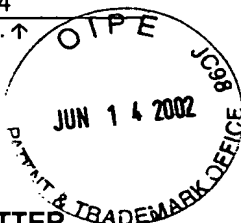
Examiner: H.S. Sawhney

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Client Ref

Appl. Title: Edge-Lit Illumination System



This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

**FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

1. Small Entity claim

A. ☒ NOT madeB. ☐ WithdrawnC. ☐ made herewithD. ☐ made previously

For B & C  
See **Required**  
**Separate Paper**  
(Pat-256)

Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Large/Small Entity	Additional Fee	Fee Code Lg/Sm
2. Total Effective Claims	**minus 0	0	x \$18/\$9 =	+ \$0	103/203
3. Independent Claims	***minus 0	0	x \$84/\$42 =	+ \$0	102/202
4. If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first time (leave blank if this is a reissue application)..... add			+ \$280/\$140 =	+ \$0	104/204
5. Original due Date: June 15, 2002		<input type="checkbox"/> NONE			
6. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is attached		(1 mo) \$110/\$55 = (2 mos) \$400/\$200 = (3 mos) \$920/\$460 = (Usable only for ≤ 2mo.OA --- 4 mos) \$1,440/\$720= (Usable only for 30 day/1mo.OA --- 5 mos) \$1,960/\$980=	+ \$0		115/215 116/216 117/217 118/218 128/228
7. Enter any previous extension fee paid since above original due date and subtract			- \$0		
8.			Extension Fee	+ \$0	
9. If Terminal Disclaimer attached, add Rule 20(d) official fee .....			+ \$110/\$55	+ \$0	148/248
10. If IDS attached requires Official Fee under Rule 97 (c), ..... add			+ \$180	+ \$0	126
or if Rule 97(d) Request ..... add			+ \$180		126
11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r) .....			+ \$740/370	+ \$0	146/246
12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b) .....			x \$740/370 ea	+ \$0	149/249
13. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) .....			+ \$740/370	+ \$0	1179/1279
14. Petition fee for .....				+ \$0	
15.			TOTAL FEE =	\$0	
16. *If the entry in this space is less than entry in next space, the "Present Extra" result is "0".					
17. **If the "Highest number previously paid for" in this space is less than 20, write "20" in this space.					
18. ***If the "Highest number previously paid for" in this space is less than 3, write "3" in this space.					
			PLEASE CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT		

CHARGE Deposit Account No. 03-3975

Our Order No. 081903 0277103

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**CHARGE STATEMENT:** The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee specifically authorized hereafter, or any missing or insufficient fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith or concerning any paper filed hereafter, and which may be required under Rules 16-18 (missing or insufficiencies only) now or hereafter relative to this application and the resulting Official Document under Rule 20, or credit any overpayment, to our Accounting/Order Nos. shown above, for which purpose a duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

This CHARGE STATEMENT **does not authorize** charge of the **issue fee** until/unless an issue fee transmittal sheet is filed.

Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately.

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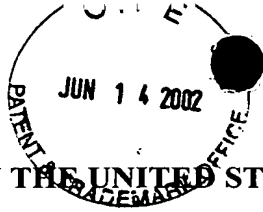
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In re PATENT APPLICATION OF  
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Confirmation No. 6271

Group Art Unit: 2875

Application Serial No. 09/786,204

Examiner: H. S. Sawhney

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Title: EDGE-LIT ILLUMINATION SYSTEM

June 14, 2002

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 15, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows herein.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please enter the following amended claims:

6/18. (Amended) An edge-lit illumination system as claimed in claim 13, wherein each nominal area is of a different size.

7/19. (Amended) An edge-lit illumination system as claimed in claim 13, wherein the markings coverage in each nominal area is the same.

[ See the attached Appendix for the changes made to effect the above claim(s). ]